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MAN PLEADS GUILTY TO CONSPIRACY TO COMMIT TRADE SECRET THEFT

RE: UNITED STATES v. JONATHAN C. SANDERS

Kathleen M. Mehlretter, the Acting United States Attorney for the Western District of New York, announced that Jonathan C. Sanders, age 37, of Lawrenceburg, Kentucky, pled guilty in front of United States District Court Judge Charles J. Siragusa to conspiracy to commit trade secret theft in violation of Title 18, United States Code, Section 371, which charges a maximum term of imprisonment of 5 years, a \$250,000 fine, or twice the monetary gain or loss, or both.

Assistant U.S. Attorney Tiffany H. Lee, who is handling the case, stated that between December 1999 and December 2001, Sanders conspired with others to take without authorization and sell the trade secret information belonging to Corning Incorporated ("Corning") as it pertained to Corning's process to produce Thin Filter Transistor ("TFT") Liquid Crystal Display ("LCD") glass so that the trade secret would fall

into the possession, and to the benefit, of a corporation based in Taiwan that was interested in manufacturing TFT LCD glass to compete with Corning.

The conviction in this case was the culmination of an investigation by the Federal Bureau of Investigation under the direction of Special Agent in Charge Peter Ahearn.

Sentencing for Sanders is scheduled for April 18, 2006 at 2:30 p.m. in front of Judge Siragusa.

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